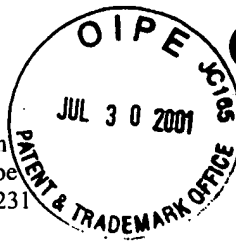


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Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action concerning the patent application identified above, mailed from the PTO on April 25, 2001. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

### ACCOMPANYING PAPERS

Submitted herewith is a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 executed by the inventors who state that the claimed invention was conceived and reduced to practice before September 15, 1998, thus antedating the filing date of U.S. Patent No. 6,103,199 to Bjornson et al.

### AMENDMENTS

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-8, 10-12, 25 and 26 as indicated in Appendix A. The amended claims will then read as follows: